

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A joint structure for a liquid or semi-liquid mastic sealant comprising:

a first structural member having a channel, the channel having a first wall, a second wall generally opposite the first wall and a third wall connecting the first and second walls, the third wall being disposed at an acute angle to the first wall and at an obtuse angle to the second wall;

a second structural member having a tongue portion for mateably engaging the channel of the first structural member, the tongue portion having a first wall disposed adjacent to the first wall of the first structural member when the structural members are mateably engaged, a second wall generally opposite the first wall the second wall being disposed adjacent to the second wall of the first structural member when the structural members are mateably engaged, and a third wall connecting the first and second walls, the third wall being disposed at an obtuse angle to the first wall and at an acute angle to the second wall the third wall being disposed adjacent to the third wall of the first structural member when the structural members are mateably engaged, the angle of the third wall of the channel being opposite that of the third wall of the tongue portion so that a cross-sectional area of a gap between the channel and the tongue is larger on a side nearest the first walls of the channel and tongue than on a second side nearest the second walls of the channel and tongue.

2. (Currently Amended) A joint structure for a liquid or semi-liquid sealant as described in claim 1 wherein the a distance between the first wall of the channel and the first wall of the tongue portion is at least twice the distance between the second wall of the channel and the second wall of the tongue portion.

3. (Original) A joint structure for a liquid or semi-liquid sealant as described in

claim 1 wherein the angle of the first wall of the tongue portion is parallel with and equal to the angle of the first wall of the channel.

4. (Original) A joint structure for a liquid or semi-liquid sealant as described in claim 1 wherein the angle of the first wall of the tongue portion is greater than the angle of the first wall of the channel.

5. (Original) A joint structure for a liquid or semi-liquid sealant as described in claim 1 wherein the angle of the third wall of the channel is greater than the angle of the third wall of the tongue portion by at least 2°.

6. (Original) A joint structure for a liquid or semi-liquid mastic sealant comprising:

a first structural member having a channel, the channel having a first wall, a second wall generally opposite the first wall and a third wall connecting the first and second walls, the third wall being disposed at an acute angle to the first wall and at an obtuse angle to the second wall;

a second structural member having a tongue portion for matingly engaging the channel of the first structural member, the tongue portion having a first wall, a second wall generally opposite the first wall, and a third wall connecting the first and second walls, the third wall being disposed at an obtuse angle to the first wall and at an acute angle to the second wall, the angle of the third wall of the channel being opposite that of the third wall of the tongue portion such that a cross-sectional area between the tongue portion and the channel is larger on one side than on the other when the tongue portion is matingly received in the channel so that a bead of sealing material can be applied between the channel and the tongue portion and excess sealing material is directed toward the larger side of the cross-sectional area.

7. (Currently Amended) A joint structure for a liquid or semi-liquid sealant as described in claim 6 wherein the a distance between the first wall of the channel and the first wall of the tongue portion is at least twice the distance between the second wall of the channel and the second wall of the tongue portion.

8. (Original) A joint structure for a liquid or semi-liquid sealant as described in claim 7 wherein the angle of the third wall of the channel is greater than the angle of the third wall of the tongue portion by at least 2°.

9. (Original) A joint structure for a liquid or semi-liquid sealant as described in claim 8 wherein the angle of the first wall of the tongue portion is parallel with and equal to the angle of the first wall of the channel.

10. (Original) A joint structure for a liquid or semi-liquid sealant as described in claim 8 wherein the angle of the first wall of the tongue portion is greater than the angle of the first wall of the channel.